

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant Rudolf Neumann Examiner: Rodney T. Frank

Application 10/756,675 Confirmation 2578

Filed: January 13, 2004 Group Art 2856

For: **METHOD AND DEVICE TO CHECK THE BEARING GAP OF A HYDRODYNAMIC BEARING**

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR RESPONSE/AMENDMENT

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Response to Office Action of September 30, 2004 for the above-identified patent application.

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A fee for additional claims is not required.
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The additional fee has been calculated as shown below:

	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate	Additional Fee
Total Claims	25	- 25	= 0	x \$50.00	= \$0.00
Independent Claims	2	- 2	= 0	x \$200.00	= \$0.00
First Presentation of a Multiple Dependent Claim				+ \$360.00	= \$0.00
				TOTAL	= \$0.00

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Respectfully submitted,

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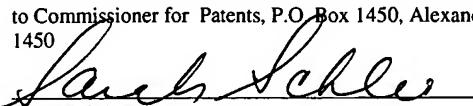
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RESPONSE TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2004 OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated September 30, 2004 on which the shortened statutory period for response expires on December 30, 2004. A Petition for One-Month Extension of Time is being submitted herewith. Accordingly, this Response is being timely filed.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of the claims, which begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.